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MRS. FARRELL IS ACQUITTED; NOW ON WAY HOME

Mrs. Jean Percy Farrell, on trial in superior court charged with the murder of her husband on September 24 at their Garland Prairie ranch home, was acquitted on Tuesday afternoon, the trial lasting a little less than four days and the jury being out only 10 minutes.

It was proven that Mrs. Farrell shot her husband in self-defense. Even had it been otherwise, it is doubtful whether the jury would have declared her guilty, so strong is the general sentiment against death or penitentiary sentences for women. But the jury in this case had no problem.

Farrell's ugly character, his actions at times so maniacal as to lead to fear that he was insane; his brutality toward the plaintiff; his threatening behavior on the day she shot him—all were proven beyond a shadow of a doubt. Her defense was perfect in every detail, so closely and reasonably did every bit of the evidence link together, in none of it a thing that reflected on Mrs. Farrell's character or behavior.

The prosecution and defense were both ably conducted, but the former had nothing but straws to grasp at, and on them could rear no structure of evidence against the plaintiff, who passed out of the courtroom, free in person, unblemished in character, and the recipient of hearty congratulations of those present when the verdict was announced.

The Sun feels a peculiar gratification over the result of this trial, as in the face of the denunciation of Mrs. Farrell by other publications, and defamatory insinuations concerning her character, The Sun, after a special interview with Mrs. Farrell, while she was a prisoner in the county jail, was convinced that her story was true and that she was the unhappy and innocent victim of unfortunate circumstances and took her side in presenting her story to the public.

Contrary to the expectations of many attending the trial, no testimony of a sensational nature or in any way reflecting on the good character or reputation of the defendant was offered. Suspicions that Ernest Weyer, the neighboring homesteader, who worked for the Farrells and was the first man on the scene after Farrell was shot, might be shown to have been implicated in the murder—perhaps, with Mrs. Farrell's connivance, was himself the murderer—were proven by the testimony to have been entirely unfounded.

In fact, the first story told by Mrs. Farrell after the murder, told again when she was on the witness stand and corroborated on the stand by her two little children and by Dwyer, stood all tests of cross-examination and was not refuted in a single particular.

As soon as it became generally noised around that the jury had been selected, which, considering the importance of the case and the publicity that had been given it, was done in record time, taking only from nine o'clock Friday morning until eight that night, the court-room filled with spectators, nearly half of whom were women. Undoubtedly many of them expected to be treated to a sensation, perhaps a series of them. From various comments overheard it was apparent that some of the men and many of the women spectators were not very favorably disposed toward the little woman at the bar of justice, who had been charged with and had freely admitted killing her husband.

But before Mrs. Farrell's testimony was half ended the sentiment of the spectators was almost unanimously for her.

Her testimony was clear and direct. Under the questioning of her attorney, Francis D. Crable, she told of her married life. Her husband's ill-treatment of her began as soon as they came west from West Virginia, two weeks after their marriage. He was frequently abusive and ugly. Once, when she had gone into the back yard where he was, he had asked her, "what in hell are you doing here?" and when she had retorted that she supposed she had a right there, he struck her several times with his fists, on either temple, knocking her down. Then he kicked her.

Another time, last spring, at Garland Prairie, he was choking her and knocking her head against the wall when Mr. J. Lynch, an old friend of both Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, who lived there with them for three months, (Continued on Page 8.)

JACK COSTIGAN IS VERY ILL AT HIS HOME HERE

John J. Costigan is very ill at his home, but his friends will be very glad to know that he is slightly better yesterday.

Mr. Costigan had been feeling very badly for a couple of weeks, and was advised to get down off the mountain for a few days. He went to Los Angeles, but had been there only three hours when he had to call a physician. He decided that he would come back home. He was met at Needles by the Catholic priest there. The conductor and porter of the Pullman did all they could for him; one or the other of them fanning him most of the time during the night. Friends met him at the train when he arrived and took him to his home, where he is under the care of his sister, Miss Mary M. Costigan, and a trained nurse.

Everybody in town is pulling for Jack to soon be up and out again, his usual cheery, indomitable self.

CRAVENS SENTENCED AT KINGMAN SATURDAY

Clarence B. Cravens, defaulter who recently gave himself up in Tennessee, was tried last week in the superior court at Kingman and found guilty. He was sentenced from two to five years in the state penitentiary.

Cravens absconded from the branch bank of the Arizona Central at Chloride last summer, taking bonds and money with him.

From the statement of the judge it appeared that Cravens had made partial restitution and had given the bank information concerning other bank affairs which saved a number of poor people from loss of money, which feature of the case tended to lighten his sentence.

MASONS AND EASTERN STAR INSTAL OFFICERS AND EAT TURKEY

Masonic Temple, on Saturday night, was the scene of a most elaborate and interesting affair, the joint installation of the new officers of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges, followed by a turkey banquet and speech-making.

There were 135 people present. Retiring Worthy Master Tom L. Rees installed the new Masonic officers most efficiently and impressively, and then Prof. O. H. Richardson presented a beautiful past master's jewel to Mr. Rees, accompanying the presentation with a gracefully worded little address.

The new Masonic officers are: C. C. Fredericks, worthy master; Francis D. Crable, senior warden; Paul S. Coffin, junior warden; Jos. P. Wilson, treasurer; N. G. Layton, secretary; W. H. Switzer, chaplain; Dr. E. S. Miller, marshal; Arthur A. Foster, senior deacon; R. G. Mitchell, junior deacon; R. G. Stevenson, senior steward; F. W. Jones, junior steward; F. A. Thies, tyler; Tom L. Rees, trustee. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parr were up from Winslow. Mrs. Parr is grand matron of the Eastern Stars for the state, and her installation of the Eastern Star officers was splendidly done. The new officers are: Mrs. Agnes Foster, worthy matron; A. A. Foster, (Continued on Page 12)

TEST UTAH GRAZERS' RIGHTS IN ARIZONA

The preliminary hearing in the test case to decide whether Arizona sheep and cattle men shall have a right to graze in northern Coconino county without paying grazing license fees, has been set for January 31, before Justice of the Peace E. W. Lewis, of Fredonia. The man who is fighting the county authorities is W. W. Seegmiller, of Kanab, Utah, a wealthy sheep owner. He is also a lawyer and a member of the Utah legislature. It is understood he has the backing of a lot of other Utah stock men. No matter how the case goes in the justice's court, it will be appealed to the superior court of this county and then to the supreme court. Seegmiller has already paid this county about \$1,200 on the past year's grazing fees and there is more due from him.

Probably County Attorney F. M. Gold will be the man to go to Fredonia for the hearing, and will be the goat in having to take the four-days' 1,400-mile train and stage trip required at this time of the year in going to the northern town in this county, which, measuring in a direct line, is less than 150 miles away. Assistant Attorney Geo. W. Harben says he (Continued on Page 7)

DICK JONES IS THE CITY CENSUS MAN

Everybody's been asking everybody else when the census is to be taken here, and who is to take it.

Hold your breath a moment, and you'll know. The taking begins today, and the taker is R. C. "Dick" Jones, who has just returned from Phoenix, where he was appointed to the job by Sam Bradner, Phoenix, census supervisor in charge of the northern part of the state.

Dick will start in today asking you what color you are, and when; whether you are sane or insane, and whether you are sane or part your hair on the middle or on the side or hot any; whether you are an Episcopalian or a democrat; whether you eat your soup with a spoon or a fork; whether you have anything on your hip other than a place for it; whether you take your Saturday night bath every month or only once a year; and so on, ad infinitum. Dick will set your answers down in his book and when he is all through he will know more about us than any one else, including ourselves, do now.

Dick has a long, tedious, inquisitive job ahead, but says he's going to make tracks doing it, and do it right. He will do the enumerating here in Flagstaff, others having been appointed for other communities in the county.

JUDGE HANCE HERE

Judge Geo. W. Hance, of Camp Verde, was in town this week. He has been administrator of the estate of his brother, the late Capt. John Hance, who died January 6, last year. He filed exemption under the Ashurst-Hayden law exempting mining claims from assessment during the European war, on the mining property owned by Capt. Hance at Grand Canyon.

STOCKMEN'S FIGHT AGAINST THE SANTA FE IS GAINING MOMENTUM

The fight being waged by the Northern Arizona Protective association, composed of stockmen from Coconino, Yavapai and Mohave counties, against the effort of the Santa Fe to secure patent to 1,173,000 acres of public domain lands is gaining force each day. The membership is steadily increasing and the work has been organized.

The association has been extremely fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Robert E. Morrison, prominent Prescott lawyer, as well as the best land attorney in Washington, D. C. The method of handling this contest, in the interests of the livestock industry in Northern Arizona, has been definitely outlined and definite action has already been taken.

One development of this proposed "land grab" indicates the foresight of the insiders. It is recognized that

the Colorado river will soon be harnessed and then cheap hydro-electric power will be available in northern Arizona. This power will make possible the pumping of sufficient water to irrigate all of the agricultural land in that wonderful stretch of valley between Hackberry and Kingman. Arizonans have amply demonstrated what water will do. With all of these lands in private ownership, the legitimate homesteader will be forced to pay heavy tribute to the monopolists who hope to control the area in question.

The time has come for the people of Arizona to wake up to a realization of just what is being attempted. They can prevent the acquisition of these lands—over one million acres—and thereby aid the future development of the state by homesteaders and insure the continuance of the livestock (Continued on Page 7)

WHAT WE HAVE IN COUNTY AND STATE

A copy of the proceedings of the Arizona state board of equalization has reached The Sun through the courtesy of County Assessor J. D. Dunn. It was compiled after their meeting in August and the annual meeting in July of the Arizona tax conference.

From the report we note that the assessment of the Grand Canyon railroad was reduced from 63.58 miles to 63.56 miles, a reduction in valuation of \$340.

Swine were raised from \$5.52 to \$10 a head.

The A. L. & T. Co. saw mill was raised from \$90,000.00 to \$109,000.00, making the total assessment for that company, \$492,973.00.

Description of Property.	Number or Acres.	Unit Value.	Total Valuation.
Dry-farming and grazing land.....	826,735.73	1.42	\$ 1,175,738.70
Improvements on above.....			263,147.00
Railroad land grants.....	5,723	1.026	5,875.52
City and town lots.....			553,911.00
Improvements on above.....			1,240,321.00
Forty-three non-productive patented and non-patented mines.....	864,137	36.78	31,786.00
Four non-productive placer mines.....	640	10.00	6,400.00
Improvements on above forty-seven mining claims.....			9,750.00
Four patented mill sites.....	18,067	40.15	725.50
Improvements on above.....			4,000.00
Mining machinery and supplies.....			23,713.50
Saw mills and machinery.....	9		\$342,750.00
Standing timber.....	106,150.105 ft.	2.489	264,025.26
Banks (including real estate, improvements and personal prop.).....	3		364,102.64
Merchandise, stocks of.....			\$835,966.29
Furniture, household and office.....			164,445.00
Automobiles.....	484	413.81	200,284.50
Motorcycles.....	3	150.00	450.00
Railroads, standard gauge, miles of main line.....	243.335		\$8,936,945.00
Telephone lines, wire miles of.....	990		59,400.00
Telegraph lines, wire miles of.....	1,589.52		113,162.55
Gas, electric light and power plants.....	1		83,748.00
Poultry, dozens.....	353	5.00	1,766.00
Bees, stands of.....	2	5.00	10.00
Horses, range.....	1,837	20.55	37,760.00
Horses, work—Class A.....	385	93.90	36,150.00
Horses, work—Class B.....	883	54.56	48,175.00
Horses, saddle.....	1,997	41.34	82,550.00
Horses, stallions.....	15	153.33	2,300.00
Mules—Class A and B.....	361	65.76	23,740.00
Asses.....	905	5.58	5,050.00
Jacks.....	4	150.00	600.00
Cattle, range.....	81,455	30.27	2,465,885.00
Cattle, steers, 2 years and up.....	11,508	34.89	401,495.00
Cattle, milch cows.....	514	52.62	27,050.00
Cattle, bulls.....	2,536	50.34	127,680.00
Sheep.....	265,382	8.00	2,123,056.00
Sheep, bucks.....	5,778	15.00	86,670.00
Goats, graded.....	5,300	3.75	19,875.00
Swine.....	408	5.52	\$2,253.00
All other property.....			845,909.00
Total.....			\$21,018,623.55
Less real estate, improvements and personal property of Banks doubly included above.....			117,658.00
Total valuation of all property.....			\$20,900,965.55
Total exemptions.....			86,998.00
Net valuation.....			\$20,813,967.55
*Increases and decreases by the State Board of Equalization:			
Increases:			
Decreases:			
Description of Property.	Value.	Value.	
Saw mills.....	\$66,000.00		
Swine, 408 head at \$10.00 per head.....	1,827.00		
Railroads.....	8,285.63		\$340.00
Merchandise, stocks of.....			
Total increases and decreases.....	\$76,112.63		\$340.00
Final Valuation on Items Changed:			
Description of Property.	Total Valuation.		
Saw mills.....	\$ 408,750.00		
Swine, 408 head at \$10.00.....	4,080.00		
Railroads.....	8,936,605.00		
Merchandise, stocks of.....	844,251.92		
Final Recapitulation:			
Total valuation of all property as returned by County.....	\$20,900,965.55		
Total increase or decrease by State Board of Equalization.....	75,772.63		
Final total valuation of all property.....	\$20,976,738.18		
Less exemptions.....	86,998.00		
Final net valuation of all property.....	\$20,889,740.18		

The final net valuations of the other counties of the state are as follows:

Apache.....	\$ 8,623,981.40
Cochise.....	172,142,473.34
Gila.....	162,293,178.76
Graham.....	13,433,105.10
Greenlee.....	43,946,537.94
Maricopa.....	100,660,667.31
Mohave.....	23,203,707.40
Navajo.....	11,145,143.88
Pinal.....	64,545,832.66
Pima.....	69,071,742.54
Santa Cruz.....	11,315,403.48
Yavapai.....	134,082,679.77
Yuma.....	19,880,527.17

Total for state.....\$855,224,720.93

Coconino county's quota of the above total is 2.44 per cent.

The report reveals the fact that 84 per cent of the saw mill property is in

this county, and all of the taxable standing timber. We have more than a twelfth of the horses in the state. We have more than a third of the sheep.

Gila county, which has more cattle than we, has only 5 sheep, Graham only 85, Santa Cruz 17, Greenlee and Pima none.

But when it comes to ostriches, Maricopa has 197—valued at \$5 each, while none of the other counties have any.

There are 60,953 horses in Arizona, and 19,069 automobiles.

There are 447,956 acres of irrigated lands and 4,247,353 acres of dry farming and grazing lands.

There are 11,164 mules and burros, 997,034 cattle, 761,843 sheep, 140,126 goats and 16,150 swine.

FRENCH ACADEMY GIVES MEDAL TO DR. SLIPPER

Dr. V. M. Slipper, of the Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, has just been notified by the French Academy that that institution has awarded him the Lalande prize for astronomical work. He has not been notified when nor in what manner the presentation will be made. It is customary in such cases for it to be made through the ambassador from the country from which the honor is bestowed, and just what formalities will be incident thereto Dr. Slipper has not been advised.

He knows only that the prize has been awarded, that it is a medal and that it is given for astronomical work deemed noteworthy by the French Academy. He believes it is for spectroscopic work.

NACKARD IS MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS ON S. SAN FRANCISCO

K. J. Nackard has given a contract to add another story to the Nackard rooming house at 119 South San Francisco street. The work has already begun.

The present structure is brick. The added story will be of wood, with shingled outside. When completed, the building will contain 25 rooms, all steam heated. Modern plumbing will be installed.

Mr. Nackard will also have repaired four old buildings he owns in that section, remodeling them into dwellings, with plumbing. These will be for rent.

He has also made deals with two Mexicans, each of whom he will back financially in erecting new buildings and setting up in business on some vacant lots on South San Francisco street. One of these buildings will be used as a bakery.

Mr. Nackard believes the city council should do some sidewalk building in front of his property on the south side of the tracks. He feels that if sidewalks are built it will hasten further improvement of property there, and says, considering the condition of the streets and the little attention that has been paid to them compared to improvements made to other streets, his section of town is at least entitled to some new sidewalks.

WALL GOES TO PEN; TORREZ COMES BACK

J. F. Wall, alias J. F. White, was sentenced by Judge J. E. Jones in superior court Tuesday to not less than one year nor more than two-and-a-half years in the state penitentiary at Florence.

Wall is the man who stole the Overland car last spring from Ed McGonigle. He was arrested by Sheriff Harpe, of Navajo county at Holbrook, but got away; then was arrested at Phoenix, where he was working, brought here by Deputy Sheriff E. B. Raudebaugh and trapped into a confession by Sheriff Jack Harrington.

Wall claims to be an orphan, and says he is 21. He pleaded guilty, refusing to tell why he stole the car. His sentence dates from the 18th of last month, when he was arrested in Phoenix.

Under-Sheriff Wm. Hicklin will take Wall to Florence and bring back Simplicio Torrez, the Mexican murderer of Vic. E. Melick, town marshal of Williams. Torrez having been refused a new trial by the state supreme court, Judge Jones will re-sentence him to death.

Wall's case was the last one to be acted upon by this term of court, which adjourned Tuesday night.

CITY MAIL DELIVERY STARTS JANUARY 1

City delivery will be established on January 1st, however, the actual delivery of mail will not begin until Tuesday morning, January 6th. As it will be necessary to personally ascertain from all patrons on both routes their wishes as to the service and it will not be possible to do this prior to the above mentioned date. A great many have been interviewed, but there still remains a number who have not been approached.

All "local drops" mailed prior to 7 p. m. January 5th, will require only 1c, subsequent to that date it will be necessary to affix a 2c stamp thereto.

POOLER APPOINTED AS DISTRICT FORESTER

Frank C. W. Pooler, assistant district forester, has received the appointment as district forester to succeed Paul G. Redington, who was recently transferred to San Francisco. Mr. Pooler has been connected with the service in this district for the past sixteen years and carries an enviable record as a forester. For the past ten years he has acted as assistant district forester.

The district over which Mr. Pooler will have charge comprises the states of New Mexico and Arizona, and takes in over 12,000,000 acres of forest lands.

Wilson & Coffin, the live-wire plumbers, have painted up one of their trucks, putting a lot of advertising signs on it, and labelled it "No. 7." In a few days they will give their other truck the same course of treatment and stamp it "No. 11." When tourists see either of these two trucks scooting around town they will have a mental picture of a whole fleet of submarines.

OLD '19 BROUGHT US SOMETHING, AFTER ALL

What did Ole Nineteen-nineteen bring us?

Well, it brung to County Clerk Tom Rees' office 122 couples bent on committing matrimony. If we can rely on the usual average, these couples ought in the course of time to increase our population by about five times 122, which will mean an increase in the county census of 610 people.

Of course, there will be some discount from the above birth expectations, for Superior Court Judge J. E. Jones granted divorces to 28 of the 29 couples who applied to him for release from wedded bliss. Twenty-eight times five is 140, which taken from 610 leaves a net gain in our expectations of 470.

County Attorney F. M. Gold and his assistant, George W. Harben, caused 15 people to be sent to the penitentiary, two for murder in the first degree—one of whom is to be hung—and three for murder in the second degree.

Chief of Police R. L. Neill seized enough booze during the year to have egg-toddled the whole town yesterday into the sleep that knows no awakening until next morning with a dark brown taste; and Police Justice S. B. Gilliland collected \$3,018 in fines as his contribution toward the general peace and the public purse.

We didn't have any murders or suicides and the number of scandals was distressingly low.

Two new local industries have been added to our means for producing wealth—Ray Ramsey's candy factory and the new flour mill of the Flagstaff Milling Co., both of which are being conducted on a very successful basis.

We have had more tourists during the year than ever before and as we have done practically no building during the year, there was much more congestion here than usual. Our population has substantially increased, also. This is evidenced by the fact that while usually in the late fall and winter there have been empty houses in plenty, this winter there are not nearly enough of them to supply the demand.

The city improvements during the year would have been practically at a standstill but for the extension of the sewer system and the building of a lot of new concrete sidewalks. These have left us in much more modern shape, at any rate. The paving of the National Old Trails through the city next spring will add to our modernity. That, of course, was provided for during 1919.

Meanwhile, if a quarter of the rumors one hears are true, Flagstaff will make up this year for the home-building inactivities of last year. A new hotel is a probability. Likely there will be one or more apartment houses built, and certainly a lot of new homes. There is also a likelihood of two, and perhaps more, big new business structures. The new high school may also be built this year.

NEW PLANET MAY BE ADDED TO SUN STAFF

There has been much said of late concerning the expected discovery of a new planet in our solar system, one that has its orbit outside of that of Neptune, which until recently was accorded the honor of being the outer sentinel of our system. The new planet is said—if it is there at all—to be 55 times as far from the sun as is the earth.

A representative of The Sun, desiring to know from authoritative sources if there were about to be additions to its present large and well-known family, called up Dr. V. M. Slipper, of Lowell Observatory, to see if he could throw any light on the matter.

Dr. Slipper said he believes it is true—that there is an undiscovered planet. This belief is due to peculiar actions of Uranus, who gets kind of wobbly sometimes in her course around the sun. Said erratic behavior cannot be traced to the influence of any of the planets at present catalogued, hence it must come from some baby brother or sister in the far-off, so to speak.

Dr. Lowell spent considerable time in trying to get a line on this new member, and Prof. Wm. H. Pickering, of Harvard, is even now conducting a systematic search for it.

When they find it, we'll let you know, also its name.

MARICOPA COUNTY BANS SHRINERS' BIG CARNIVAL

County Attorney F. M. Gold received word yesterday that the C. A. Wortham carnival, running at Phoenix under the auspices of the shrine patrol of the El Zarahib temple, had been closed by Sheriff Montgomery of Maricopa county, because they were operating games of chance in violation of the Arizona gaming law. The games included doll booths, spindle wheels, ball throwing, paddle wheels, etc.

Mr. Gold says that many people have the erroneous idea that Coconino is the only county in the state where gambling is not permitted, but that the above is only one of many instances where officials of other counties have enforced the state law covering such cases.